PATENT

Appl. No. 10/667,904

Amdt. dated July 20, 2005

Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure

Examining Group 2854

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-23 remain pending in the application. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-22 are allowable. The Examiner rejected claim 23 under 35 USC §103(a). Additionally, the Examiner indicated that previously presented claim 24 was allowable. Applicant thanks the Examiner for consideration of the previous response and the allowance of claims.

Applicant, by this paper, amends claim 23 to include all of the limitations from allowable dependent claim 24. Applicant cancels claim 24. Thus, Applicant need not address Examiner's rejection of claim 23.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment as the amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

Respectfully submitted,

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